

**Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee
September 16, 2011**

Chair Jean Tortomasi called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors Jean Tortomasi (Chair), Steve Wimmer, Bill Zaborowski, Peter Wolff, Paul Decker, Dave Falstad, Kathleen Cummings.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Emergency Preparedness Director Richard Tuma, Business Manager Lyndsay Johnson, Inspector Steve Marks, Jail Administrator Mike Giese, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Building Operations Manager Mark Keckeisen, Budget Management Specialist Linda Witkowski, District Court Administrator Mike Neimon.

Approve Minutes of August 12, 2011

MOTION: Decker moved, second by Zaborowski, to approve the minutes of August 12, 2011.
Motion carried 7-0.

Executive Committee Report of September 8, 2011

Tortomasi reviewed agenda items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting of September 8, 2011, which included review of the 2012-2016 Capital Projects Plan. Capital projects discussion will continue at the September 19th Executive Committee meeting.

Future Agenda Items

- Report on the 2011 Annual Inspection of the Waukesha County Juvenile Center
- Update on the CJCC Drug Court Grant

Future Meeting Date

- September 30, 2011

Reports by Committee Member Liaisons

Tortomasi reported that the implementation of the new computer aided dispatch (CAD) system is progressing well.

Legislative Update

Spaeth stated that several bills are scheduled for a public hearing in September, including AB 180 (pothole liability) and AB 178 (removing the authority of a county from extraterritorial zoning between towns and counties).

Review and Discuss 2012–2016 Capital Projects Plan Relative to Judiciary and Law Enforcement (Items 5, 7, 8, 41-43)

Item 5 Courthouse Future Study-Bussler said this project is being reintroduced after it was pulled out of the plan last year. The plan proposes moving the courthouse study to 2014, allowing enough time for a 2017 construction project. The study would provide a comprehensive analysis of two options: construct a new courthouse facility or remodel the existing courthouse. Bussler assured that the study would be very extensive and cover a wide range of options and alternatives. Keckeisen provided further insight to the scope of renovation possibilities of the existing courthouse.

Cummings expressed concern that perhaps the all of the fine details would not be included in the RFP. She requested that Tortomasi, as Committee Chair, be allowed to examine the details of the RFP before it goes out. Bussler said it is not common practice, but any interested county board supervisor would be welcome to examine the RFP before it goes out.

Tortomasi stated that the Executive Committee discussed moving the study up one year in the proposed timeline, from 2014 to 2013. Wimmer asked if the construction date would also be moved up. Tortomasi clarified that the 2017 construction date would remain as planned. Following further discussion the committee members indicated they wished to formally express their stand on the study timeline. Spaeth advised Tortomasi that she could poll the committee members as to their opinions regarding moving up the study date one year. After brief discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to support the Executive Committee's proposal to move the courthouse future study from 2014 to 2013.

Item 7 Jail Holding Cells-Giese addressed the need for this new project. The number of inmates with special needs (mental health, medical, AODA issues, etc.), as well as very violent and dangerous individuals, has increased beyond what was anticipated. This project involves the construction of a group holding cell to accommodate 8-12 inmates by converting an unfinished area adjacent to pod 1. The project is cost neutral for staffing; no additional staff would be required. Giese further expounded on jail population issues, further justifying the needed for this project.

Item 8 Communications Center Expansion- Tuma reviewed the plan for the Communications Center expansion project. The expansion would accommodate additional communities joining the WCC. Bussler commented that the cost estimate is general since there could be a number of different scenarios and/or variables. The project is a placeholder for future need for expansion to accommodate additional police/fire agencies and will continue to be delayed until there is a need.

Item 41 Digital Radio System Upgrade-Project is as planned. Tuma stated that the FCC is mandating the migration to digital equipment. All 37 communities in the county have signed on for this upgrade.

Wolff left at 9:22 a.m.

Item 42 9-1-1 Phone System-Project is as planned. The current 9-1-1 phone system will be replaced with newer technology to meet future requirements.

Item 43 WCC Console Radio Equipment-Project is as planned, being done in conjunction with the trunked radio digital system upgrade (Item 41).

Public Comment

Tortomasi stated she attended a notably moving and inspiring event held in the Town of Lisbon to commemorate the ten-year anniversary of 9-11.

MOTION: Falstad moved, second by Cummings, to adjourn at 9:33 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary